

***IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE***

Applicant: Anja BLONDEEL et al.  
Title: CONTACTING OF AN ELECTRODE WITH A SUBSTANCE IN VACUUM  
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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 12, 2008, Applicants hereby elect Species A1, A2, B3, A4 and A5, for prosecution in the subject application. The office action states that claims 2-4, 6-9 and 14-17 are generic. Applicants believe that at least claim 1 is also generic. Claims 5, 10, 11, 12 and 13 also read on the elected species.

Applicants, of course, reserve the right to file a divisional application covering the non-elected subject matter and/or to receive consideration of claims to additional species as provided by 37 CFR 1.141, upon allowance of any claim that is generic.

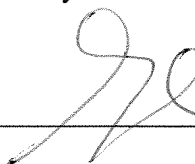
Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.'

Respectfully submitted,

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